

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

I strongly believe in citizen involvement in our democracy and that is why I am so upset that more presidential candidates do not receive adequate television airtime. Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues.

Since broadcasters have clearly failed in their obligation to serve the public interest, the FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day.

The citizens of the world's premiere democracy should have access to information regarding the plethora of candidates and their views.

Sincerely,

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